

## **Regional Growth Plans**

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The following information is presented at the request of the Resources Agency of California, for discussion at the May 11, 2005 meeting of the CEQA Improvements Advisory Group.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) was asked to identify regional growth plans that meet the criteria listed in the proposed legislative language for a new CEQA urban infill alternative. The criteria for a regional growth plan are:

1. A plan developed and adopted by a council of governments, or a joint powers agency formed by at least 3 public agencies with a combined population in excess of 100,000 residents, or a county with a population in excess of 100,000 residents; and
2. that has been adopted after compliance with CEQA; and
3. that identifies specific areas that are appropriate for housing projects in existing urban areas; and
4. that provides standards for the design and location of housing; and
5. that identifies specific mitigation measures for individual projects to address regional environmental issues.

The following table summarizes OPR's findings, based on limited research and review of existing planning documents.

This information is for discussion purposes only. The Resources Agency and OPR request input from the CEQA Improvements Advisory Committee regarding the completeness and accuracy of the information in the attached table.

## Regional Growth Plans in California

Agency	Report Title	Summary	Approved (Year)	Location	CEQA Document
<b>Councils of Government</b>					
Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)	Smart Growth Strategy: Regional Livability Footprint Project	A smart-growth centered document that aims to provide housing, improve transportation while protecting the environment and open space (2002)	No	<a href="http://www.abag.ca.gov/planning/smartgrowth/publications.html">http://www.abag.ca.gov/planning/smartgrowth/publications.html</a>	No
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sacramento Region Blueprint: Transportation and Land Use Study	Document based on extensive research and public involvement to guide how and where the Sacramento region will grow in the next 45 years	Yes (2004)		No
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	Regional Comprehensive Plan	Long-term planning framework for the San Diego region, integrated land use and transportation decisions to focus where growth should occur	Yes (2004)	<a href="http://www.sandag.ca.us/index.asp?projectid=1&amp;fuseaction=projects.detail">http://www.sandag.ca.us/index.asp?projectid=1&amp;fuseaction=projects.detail</a>	Yes, EIR (2004)
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Compass: Growth Vision Report; 2004 Regional Transportation Plan	Comprehensive document to guide growth until 2030	Yes (2004)	<a href="http://www.socalcompass.org/about/report/index.html">http://www.socalcompass.org/about/report/index.html</a>	No as to Growth Vision Report; Yes, EIR (2004) for RTP.
Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG)	Urban Area Boundary Plan	TCAG develops urban area boundaries for cities and unincorporated urban communities in the county. City and County General Plans are reviewed and evaluated according to the existing urban boundary	?		No
<b>Sub-Regional Entities/ JPA/ Other</b>					
Action Pajaro Valley	Growth Management Strategy	Land use policies for valley as an ecological region; report focuses on economic, environment, and socioeconomic future (Monterey county subarea)	?	<a href="http://www.actionpajarovalley.org/docs/growtheng.html">http://www.actionpajarovalley.org/docs/growtheng.html</a>	No
CalTrans Planning, District 6	San Joaquin Valley Growth Response Study	Looks at SJV and uses Smart Growth, a "new regionalism, combines land-use policies and transportation using examples	?	<a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/sjvgrs/index.htm">http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/planning/sjvgrs/index.htm</a>	No

Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP)	County General Plan, MSHCP, Community and Env. Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP), and Special Area Mgmt. Plan(SAMP)	Focused on three elements: habitat conservation, transportation and housing; public participation in long-term planning process for county	GP 2003, MSHCP 2003, CETAP and SAMP pending review	www.rcip.org	Yes, GP EIR (2003); MSHCP EIR (2004)
<b>Counties</b>					
San Joaquin County	San Joaquin County General Plan	A chapter in the County general plan: Community Development chapter	Yes (1992)		Yes, GP EIR (1992)

Notes:

- We have not included individual Regional Transportation Plans (except for SCAG's) or Regional Housing Needs studies that COG's produce. Nor have we looked at other planning exercises, such as congestion management planning, regional hazardous waste management plans, air quality management plans, regional water quality control plans, and the like.
- We found several plans/documents prepared by Inter-Regional Partnerships (IRPs) but these are not included because they focus exclusively on jobs-housing balance.